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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval of a Sewer Agreement with Shoals Landing, LLC, as Related to Phase 3 of the Shoals Landing Development **Docket No. 2021-348-S**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC" or the "Company") requesting approval of a wastewater agreement ("Agreement") between BGWC and Shoals Landing, LLC ("Shoals Landing").

The Agreement is related to approximately 21.81 acres (Tax Parcel No. R03209-01-62) located in Richland County and 36.68 acres (Tax Parcel No. 001800-01-004), located in Lexington County off Irmo Drive, Irmo, South Carolina 29212 (the "Property"). BGWC also submits that such approval without the need for notice or hearings is appropriate in this case. ORS understands the Agreement relates only to wastewater facilities and wastewater distribution facilities to serve the Property (i.e., it does not include water facilities).

Per the Agreement, the Property is projected to ultimately consist of one hundred and sixty (160) single family homes having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 48,000 gpd when completed. The developer desires to develop the property in an undetermined number of phases. The Agreement is limited to Phase 3 consisting of forty (40) lots, having an estimated daily wastewater usage of 12,000 gpd when completed. Shoals Landing desires BGWC to provide wastewater utility service within the Property and BGWC desires to provide wastewater utility service according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

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A Satellite Sewer Agreement ("SSA") exists between BGWC and the City of Columbia, South Carolina ("City"), which was executed on July 30, 2018, and was approved by the Commission through Order No. 2018-682 in Docket No. 2018-256-S. The SSA establishes a Capacity Assurance Program ("CAP"), which requires BGWC¹ to obtain approval from the City prior to BGWC's authorization to its customers for certain service. However, BGWC previously provided documentation to ORS that confirmed the CAP is not applicable to the development in the aforementioned docket.

The Agreement was executed on September 22, 2021, and filed with the Commission on November 5, 2021. ORS reviewed the filing of this Agreement and determined that the filing of this Agreement complies with S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-541. ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by BGWC and does not object.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)

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¹ The SSA was entered into by Carolina Water Service, Incorporated. Carolina Water Service, Incorporated changed its name to Blue Granite Water Company. See Commission Order No. 2019-228. For purposes of the SSA and this letter, the entities are one and the same.